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Indicative planning figure for the Czech and Slovak Federal Republic

Note by the Administrator

1. The Federal Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Government of the Czech and Slovak Federal Republic has informed the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) in a note verbale that it wishes to be included among the countries receiving an indicative planning figure (IPF) for the remainder of the fourth programming cycle and for the fifth programming cycle. A copy of the note verbale is annexed to the present document. It specifies, inter alia, that the Czech and Slovak Federal Republic seeks net contributor status. The Czech and Slovak Federal Republic was an IPF recipient in previous cycles. It has participated in UNDP programmes as a non-IPF country since 1987. The Government has indicated that it will revert to non-IPF country status as soon as the economic situation in the country stabilizes.

2. The Administrator endorses the request of the Czech and Slovak Federal Republic. If granted, its fourth cycle IPF will be determined on the basis of the relevant decisions of the Governing Council concerning the calculation of fourth cycle IPFs, in particular decisions 85/16 of 25 June 1985, 88/31 of 1 July 1988 and 90/3 of 23 February 1990. The amount of this IPF, $1.656 million, would be deducted from the amount set aside by the Council for

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unallocated IPFs in the fourth cycle. As a net contributor country, the voluntary contributions of the Czech and Slovak Federal Republic to UNDP will need at least to match the amount of its IPF programme expenditures and related support costs.

3. As concerns the fifth programming cycle, the IPF of the Czech and Slovak Federal Republic would be established on the basis of criteria for the cycle expected to be determined by the Governing Council at its thirty-seventh session.

4. The Administrator is seeking a decision by the Governing Council on the request from the Czech and Slovak Federal Republic to be included among those countries entitled to an IPF for the remainder of the fourth programming cycle and the fifth programming cycle.

Annex

LETTER FROM THE PERMANENT MISSION OF THE CZECH AND SLOVAK FEDERAL REPUBLIC TO THE UNITED NATIONS OFFICE AT GENEVA

No.: 2039/90

The Permanent Mission of the Czech and Slovak Federal Republic to the United Nations Office and other International Organizations at Geneva presents its compliments to the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme and has the honour to submit to him the following official declaration by the Government of the Czech and Slovak Federal Republic:

"The Czech and Slovak Federal Republic (CSFR) has been contributing to the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) since 1954. Its annual contribution exceeded considerably the amount of funds received from UNDP, the principal purpose of which was to create sufficient prerequisites for increasing Czechoslovakia's participation in programmes of assistance to developing countries. Since 1987 the CSFR has been operating in UNDP as a 'non-IPF' country. In 1989 the CSFR contributed to development activities, in the form of voluntary governmental contributions through multilateral United Nations channels, the amount in excess of 10 million Czechoslovak crowns, from that 4,75 million C.c. to the benefit of UNDP activities.

Due to the political and economic changes that are under way in the CSFR since November 1989, the CSFR finds itself currently in a complicated period of transition to a market-type of economy. The Government of the CSFR would therefore welcome an expansion of the forms of co-operation with UNDP, as well as the inclusion of the CSFR among the 'IPF' countries for the remainder of the fourth programme cycle and the forthcoming fifth programme cycle of UNDP. Since, however, the CSFR wishes to continue to provide assistance to developing countries, the Government of the CSFR requests the Net Contributor Status.

The Government of the CSFR wishes to assure the Administrator of UNDP that as soon as the economic situation in the CSFR stabilizes, the CSFR will again revert to the 'non-IPF' country status within UNDP."

The Permanent Mission of the Czech and Slovak Federal Republic to the United Nations Office and other International Organizations at Geneva avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme the assurances of its highest consideration.

Geneva, 1 June 1990

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